

February 6, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Commission Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
CY-B402
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I write to offer my strong support for SBC's application for permission to offer long distance service in Michigan.

It is my understanding that SBC has demonstrated that it meets every requirement to enter Michigan's long distance market. I firmly believe that the marketplace competition that would result from approval of SBC's application would benefit consumers and businesses alike. Furthermore, the Michigan Public Service Commission fully supports SBC in its efforts to offer long distance service. We, in Michigan, are fortunate to have many options for local service and I believe it is time to provide greater options in the long distance market as well.

SBC is among the world's leading providers of communications services. I am confident that their entry into Michigan's long distance market would be welcomed by consumers. Therefore, without reservation, I offer my support for approval of SBC's application. I hope that your agency will grant approval to their request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GILDA Z. JACOBS
State Senator
14th District